

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love"

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SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB available daily: 7:45am-8:45am

SUNSHINE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB available daily: 3:30pm-6:00pm

To book either please telephone 07581 710209 (Mrs Derbyshire) or email Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk



This Half Term's Value is RESPECT & our British Value is MUTUAL RESPECT



DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING Monday 9th July 2018

Monday	School swimming Reception to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	Y4 Churnet View Transition Days: Tuesday to Thursday this week (see item) No Ukulele Club this week but keep practising, next one will be on Friday 20 th July lunchtime: 12.30pm Last After School Football Club: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	Y6 Race for Life at QEGS: 11.00am to 1.00pm Last After School Sports Club, Football & Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Waterhouses Community Swim: 6.00pm to 9.00pm (1 more next week)
Thursday	Last Taekwondo Club: 3.20pm to 4.20pm Rounders Tournament for Y6 pupils @ QEGS: 4.00pm (Parents to arrange transport please - pick up 3.20pm)
Friday	PTFA funded Climbing Wall event (letter has been sent out) Last Friday Waterhouses Community Family Swim: 3.30pm to 5.30pm PTFA Disco: 6.00pm to 8.00pm (see item re arrangements)

Transition Week

Transition at Waterhouses - From Tuesday to Thursday pupils in school will transition to their September 2018 settings so they too are prepared for the next academic year.

Current Nursery will be in school all day for the 3 days. Please remember to pack sandwiches, or school lunches will cost £2.30.

Churnet View Transition Transport Arrangements - Year 4 pupils moving on to Churnet View in September have transition bus transport put in place by Churnet View.

If your child received a temporary bus pass it shows details of the pick-up times and pick-up location for transition. If your child **did not** receive a bus pass you need to bring them to Waterhouses Primary where a minibus will collect them at **approx. 8.30am** and will drop off at **approx. 4.10pm** each of the 3 days.

News from the Kitchen

Next **Wednesday 11th July**, owing to the hot weather, Mrs Andrew will be providing a picnic style lunch rather than the usual roast. There will be rice salad, coleslaw, vegetable sticks and sandwiches.

'Under the Sea' Mental Maths

Congratulations this week to **Eva R** who has achieved her Pufferfish level.



Climbing Wall

The PTFA have organised for Peak Pursuits Ltd to bring a climbing wall to school on Friday. A separate letter has been sent out. This will be a very exciting experience for our Reception to Year 6 pupils, but they need only participate if they wish to. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



PTFA School Disco

The PTFA have kindly organised another End of Year School Disco for the pupils. This year it will take place on **Friday 13th July 6pm to 8pm** and entrance will be free.

The usual arrangements will be in place:



6 to 7pm - Little Doves, Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2. Little Doves and Ladybirds class will need to have an adult in attendance please.

7 to 8pm - Years 3 to 6

We understand there will be a bit of cross-over with siblings in different years.

There will be free cold drinks available for the children; however they make like to bring a few pennies to buy various disco paraphernalia or snacks.



Next PTFA Meeting is **Monday 16th July at 8.00pm @ The Crown, Waterhouses.** All are invited.

Ukulele Club

There will be just one ukulele lunchtime club on the last day of term, before the Leavers' assembly performance. Please ensure ukes are brought to school on that day, and keep practising! Thank you to Mr and Mrs Mundy for running the club again this year.

Sports Clubs

This coming week sees the last sports clubs for this year. Thank you to coaches Adrian Warwas and Peter and Helen Johnson for all their hard work; the children have really enjoyed the clubs and developed their sporting skills.

Becky Hunt's music lessons

Letters have been sent out regarding music lessons for next year. Please return any forms to the school office before **Wednesday 18th July** if your child wishes to have lessons next year.



The *Water Rapids Band* will be performing with *Water Voices Choir* on **Wednesday 18th July at 9.15am** and relatives of the performing pupils are invited to come along and enjoy the show!

Thank you to Becky for a busy musical year!

From the School Office:

Please ensure that **all payments owed** re school dinners and Sunshine Club are paid up **before the last day** of the end of term, when we will be sorting out the banking. Any credits on children's dinner accounts will be carried forward unless they are leavers in which case either refunds will be made or transferred to younger siblings.

Thank you for your support.

Waterhouses Community Swimming Duathlon and Free Swim Event

The triathletes from Peak Performance, both juniors and adults, really enjoyed last Saturday's event, using our pool and playing fields for both aquathlon and triathlon events, as the ground was hard enough to allow bikes on it. They were very impressed by our facilities. The weather was warm but the Waterhouses Community Swimming provided shade on the field (thanks to the Grindey family for use of the gazebo) as well as food and drink for rehydrating. It proved very popular and may be run again next year.

This event couldn't have happened without Lifeguards Hollie and Ethan, and the Webb family. Waterhouses Community Swim would like to thank everyone for coming along.

Stranger Danger

Please be aware that we have had communication from Westwood College of a stranger approaching a male pupil outside Westwood College. The information we have is:

A silver Peugeot 306 TYPE car pulled up alongside the pupil as he was near the archway leading up to Westwood.

A man of about 50 with grey hair and a side parting wound the window down and said 'come here' and beckoned the pupil to come over. Not aggressively but as if he wanted to show the pupil something.

- The pupil started running.

If anyone at any time wishes to opt out of receiving texts or email communications from us, please put your request in writing and specify if you are opting out of school related communications, 3rd party communications (e.g. PTFA, Community Swim events), or both. Thank you

- The car drove alongside for a bit.
- The pupil then saw his friend's dad who pulled over and gave him a lift.

Of course it is very possible that the man was simply after directions or the whereabouts of his child/grandchild. But it could have been something more sinister so Westwood felt it should be reported just so you are aware.

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Our annual school swimming gala will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 16th July**. As explained in an e-mail communication last week owing to the ever increasing pupil numbers, unfortunately there is no longer enough space for all the pupils and parents to attend together safely. Having listened to parents the gala will now be split to accommodate parents being able to spectate. The timings are as follows:

R, Y1 & Y2 from 1.00pm

Y3 to Y6 from 2.00pm

There will be space for 1 family member only to spectate and parking will be available on the day in the playground. We ask that you be particularly careful at the change over time when arriving or leaving the site.

Sports Day Parking

As last year we are unable to offer parking in the playground for the Sports Day, owing to the continual movement of children across the area. We ask that you please park courteously and think of our neighbours, thank you.

Plea for gazebos

If anyone can lend us gazebos for each class/house to sit under for the sports day, if this hot weather is to continue, please can you let the school office know early next week. Thank you.

Weather Alert

We have attached an item from Staffs County Council regarding dangers associated with the current hot weather. The link to view this on their website is:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSTAFFORDSHIRE/bulletins/1fc1421>

CHICS Sponsored Walk

Jacob and Alfie would like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored them on their walk in Liverpool recently. They were able to raise a wonderful **£320!**

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 16th July: PTFA meeting 8pm in The Crown

Mon 16th July: School Swimming Galas

Tuesday 17th July: Sports Day - N&R @ 11.00am, Y1 to Y6 @ 1.15pm

Thu 19th July 9am: Celebration Worship @Methodist Chapel

Fri 20th July: Leavers Assembly 2.00pm

Local Church Services and Events

Waterhouses Chapel

Regular Sunday services 6.30p.m.

Sunday 8th July: Chapel Anniversary - 3.00p.m.

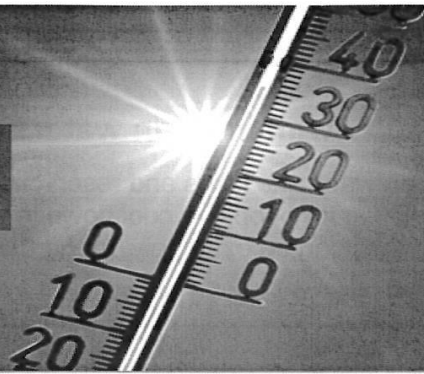
Waterfall Church

Sunday 22nd July - 6.30 p.m. (Evening Prayer)

Sunday 29th July - 10.00a.m. (Morning Prayer)

Waterfall Fete end August Bank Holiday Weekend

STAFFORDSHIRE WEATHER ALERT



Weather advice - 4/7/18

Enjoying the hot weather and staying safe

We know lots of people in Staffordshire have really been making the most of the hot weather over the last few weeks. As the Met Office are expecting it to continue for at least another fortnight, we want to make sure you continue to enjoy it and stay safe too.

To help you do this, we've put together some handy advice.

Enjoying the countryside

After weeks of hot weather and little rain, the countryside is extremely dry which means the risk of fires is particularly high. We've already seen a number of quite serious grass and forest fires in parts of the county and we want to try and prevent this from happening again. Wild fires can threaten people, property and wildlife, putting lives at risk.



If you are planning to visit the countryside or our country parks then you can help keep everyone safe by following our rangers' simple advice:

- Please bring a picnic on your day out rather than a barbecue as these could start a fire. We're also reminding people not to light camp fires as the same thing could happen
- Please don't smoke in areas of dry vegetation and in all areas please make sure cigarettes are put out properly
- Please put any rubbish in bins or take it home with you, especially glass and plastic bottles as they can magnify sunlight and cause fires
- You may also find some paths or roads are closed due to high fire risk or where fires are being tackled – please follow all safety signs and find alternative routes to ensure you stay safe
- If anyone does see a fire please call 999 immediately

[Click here](#) for more advice on staying safe outdoors.

Don't swim in open waters

Open water like lakes and reservoirs can be very tempting for people to cool down in during hot weather, but they can be extremely dangerous too.

They may look very inviting but they can be very deep and cold even in direct sunlight. Even the most experienced swimmers can find themselves struggling in a few minutes. Our message is very simple, '**please don't take the risk,**' and if you have children, talk to them about the dangers.

We would always urge people who want to go swimming to be safe and go to public, supervised pools. You can find out where your nearest leisure centres are online.



Looking after your neighbours in the hot weather

Not everyone enjoys the hot weather. While most of us will welcome this hot spell, for some, such as older people, those with underlying health conditions and young children, the summer heat can be a real pain and bring with it health risks.

That's why we're reminding everyone to keep an eye on those you know who may be at risk this summer. If you're able, remember to ask if your friends, family or neighbours need any support.



Here's some simple advice to help beat the heat in the hot weather

- Close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler. Remember, it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- Drink plenty of water as sugary, alcoholic and caffeinated drinks can make you more dehydrated
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm
- Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat, if you have to go out in the heat
- Avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day
- Wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes
- Make sure you take water with you if you are travelling

[Click here](#) for more advice on staying cool in the warm weather.

DUCK RACE 2018

SUNDAY 22nd JULY

LOTS OF FAMILY FUN

BBQ CAKES GAMES STALLS



Starts at 2pm in the field
opposite the Crown pub
Sponsor a duck for £1

More Prizes this year than ever

Alton Towers Tickets, Joules Voucher, Theatre Tickets...

Ducks available for sale from Waterhouses Community Swim volunteers and friends
Contact 01538 304535 for details.

HEDGEHOG ROLLING 2018



- Games, Races, Tug of War
- Children's Races
- Refreshments
- Tombola
- Skittles
- BBQ & Stalls
- Black Dog Molly & Leek Morris Dancers

**RACERS REQUIRED,
HEDGEHOGS SUPPLIED**

